

## LIST OF PENDING CLAIMS

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23. (Previously presented) A method for mitigating the effects of a future ischemic event in a subject, the method comprising:

(a) identifying a subject having a susceptibility profile associated with an increased risk for experiencing a future ischemic event; and

(b) administering a prophylactic amount of a non-sex hormone to said subject for a time-course duration effective so as to reduce adverse effects of a future ischemic event experienced by said subject.

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24. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said non-sex hormone is an alpha isomer of estrogen.

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25. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said non-sex hormone is 17-alpha estradiol.

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26. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said time-course duration is planned to extend over a plurality of months.